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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of June 10 thru June 16, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 838 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK - On June 10 at 8:02 a.m. on University Avenue West and Cleveland Avenue North a 48 year old man was clipped by a vehicle as he rode his bike. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

ARSON - On June 11 at 12:22 p.m. on Etna Street and Reaney Avenue fire companies were called to a report of playground equipment on fire. They arrived to find several pieces of plastic playground equipment involved in fire and quickly extinguished it. Damage is estimated at \$20,000.



A fire intentionally set caused \$20,000 to this playground equipment.

BASEMENT FIRE - On June 11 at 3:15 p.m. on the 1700 block of Blair Avenue fire companies were called to a report of smoke coming from a basement. They arrived to find a small basement fire and stretched hoselines to quickly extinguish it. The occupant states that they saw smoke on the first floor and when they evacuated to the exterior they realized the smoke was coming from the basement. The ignition source was either an arc on the dehumidifier or an overheated unit. There were no smoke detectors present in the home. Two smoke alarms were given to their son who arrived on scene and promised that he would install them. Damage is estimated at \$12,000.

BURNS - On June 12 at 7:41 p.m. on the 1000 block of Montreal Avenue a 72 year old woman who is on home oxygen tried to light a cigarette and lit the tubing on fire. She suffered 1st degree burns on her face. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

VEHICLE FIRE - On June 12 at 4:58 a.m. on the 1100 block of Norton Street fire companies were called to a report of a garbage bag on fire underneath a vehicle. A neighbor discovered the fire and tried to extinguish it without success. Firefighters arrived to find a small fire underneath a vehicle and quickly extinguished it. Damage is estimated at \$3,000.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM - On June 13 at 8:55 p.m. on the 700 block of East Fifth Street a 33 year old man's CO detector sounded in his home. Firefighters evaluated and detected some carbon monoxide near the stove. Xcel Energy was dispatched to the scene to further troubleshoot. Paramedics evaluated him but did not transport.

ARSON - On June 14 at 1:55 a.m. on the 100 block of Robie Street West fire companies were called for a report of smoke coming from the upper unit of a duplex. Upon arrival, they found and extinguished a small fire in the kitchen. No one was home at the time of the fire. This fire remains under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

CLOSET FIRE - On June 14 at 9:50 a.m. on the 1300 block of Eckles Avenue fire companies responded to a three-story building used as a research laboratory. Firefighters discovered fire in the basement janitor's closet where a battery charging station was located. Damage is estimated at \$9,000.



KITCHEN FIRE - On June 14 at 4:39 p.m. on the 130 block of Arundel Street the fire department responded to a three-story apartment building. Upon their arrival, they found a fire burning in an apartment kitchen. The fire was found burning on the stove with melted pans and stove burners. No one was at home at the time of the fire. The occupant inadvertently bumped the stove when he got things out of the refrigerator. Damage is estimated at \$10,000.



GAS LEAK – On June 15 at 4:18 p.m. on the 500 block of Desnoyer Avenue fire companies were called to a report of a basement fire in a dwelling. Upon arrival, they found and extinguished a fire in the basement of a single-family dwelling. One resident was at home and reported a possible gas explosion. He smelled burning plastic, looked downstairs and found fire under the basement steps in storage area next to a furnace room. Damage is estimated at \$60,000. There were smoke alarms but no fire sprinklers. The home was uninhabitable due to heat and smoke damage throughout the house.